

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 492

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to recognize W. Cathey Dandridge for his service to Fayette County.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to join the good people of Fayette County, Tennessee in recognizing W. Cathey Dandridge for his outstanding service to his community and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cathey, as he is known by friends and neighbors, was born in Thyatira, Mississippi, and attended Mississippi Junior College before graduating with a degree in Industrial Arts from Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, W. Cathey Dandridge began his career working for John Deere and moved to Tennessee when he was promoted to territory manager; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 Mr. Cathey bought the John Deere dealership in Fayette County and started Dandridge Equipment Inc.; he employed his exemplary work ethic and expertise to transform his dealership from the smallest in Tennessee to the largest and received numerous accolades from John Deere for his business's success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cathey was a model employer who cared about his employees as if they were his own family, and consequently, had many long-term and loyal workers; and

WHEREAS, possessing a strong commitment to his community, Mr. Cathey went out of his way to help his customers, particularly during the busy planting and harvesting seasons; and

WHEREAS, the community honored W. Cathey Dandridge's importance to Fayette County when Dandridge Equipment was named Large Business of the Year in 2011 and Mr. Cathey was named Honorary Co-Chair of the 2010 Fayette Cares Night of Southern Elegance, a charity that Mr. Carthage supports; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cathey; his wife, JoAnn; and their daughter, Debbie are committed to community involvement through their support of education, charity, civic endeavors, and youth sports; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cathey also often gives generously and anonymously to struggling families; and

WHEREAS, W. Cathey Dandridge's, work ethic, community involvement, and spirit of generosity are representative of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud W. Cathey Dandridge for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and applaud W. Cathey Dandridge for his industry, selflessness, and community spirit and extend to him our best wishes for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.